

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were originally filed with this application on July 24, 2003. The most recent office action, dated January 10, 2006, places a restriction requirement on the claims and requires restriction to one of Group I, defined as claims 1-18, and Group II, defined as claims 19-22.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, claims 1-18** for continued examination.

CONCLUSION

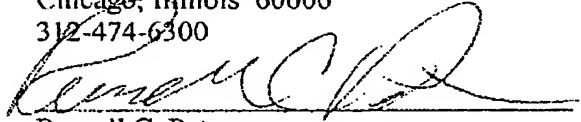
Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by the paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 under order no. 29618/38938.

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